

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes amendments to FIGS. 1A and 1B. This sheet, which includes FIGS. 1A and 1B, replaces the original sheet including FIGS. 1A and 1B. A marked copy of amended FIGS. 1A and 1B is also enclosed.

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REMARKS

The indicated allowability of claims 2, 5, 7, and 8 is noted, with thanks.

The title of the invention has been amended to better describe the invention as required by the Examiner. The legend "PRIOR ART" has been added to FIGs. 1A and 1B.

Claims 1, and 10-12 have been amended to obviate the §112 rejection and to better clarify the invention. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. No new matter is believed to have been entered to the application as a result of these changes.

Turning to the art rejections, the Examiner rejects claim 11 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by (1) Furushima et al. (US Patent No. 5,410,423), (2) Sakai et al. (US Patent No. 6,222,603) or (3) Lee et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0022645). All three rejections are in error. Claim 11, as amended, requires "said air forming members is formed with said auxiliary member and said air outlet forming member is connected to said injection inlet." None of the references teach forming an air outlet with the seal member and the air outlet auxiliary member. Furushima et al. teaches forming a dummy seal 4 with an opening portion 5 around the LCD 8 and seal 3. Sakai et al. teaches forming a sealing element around the LCD but no air outlet in the dummy seal pattern 11. Lee et al. teaches a main seal lines 210 with injection holes 212 but no connection between the opening and first auxiliary seal line 220. Thus, claim 11 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Furushima et al., Sakai et al. or Lee et al.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated Sakai et al. or Lee et al. Claim 12 depends directly on claim 11 and is allowable for the same reasons as stated above, as well as for its own additional limitations.

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 9-12 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. in view of Ishiwata et al. (US Patent No. 5,858,482) also is in error. The deficiencies of Lee et al. in relation to claim 11 were discussed above. Claims 1 and 10, as amended, require:

said seal member is formed with air outlet forming members connected to said injection inlet, ... said air outlet forming members are formed therein with an air outlet auxiliary member for forming an air outlet.

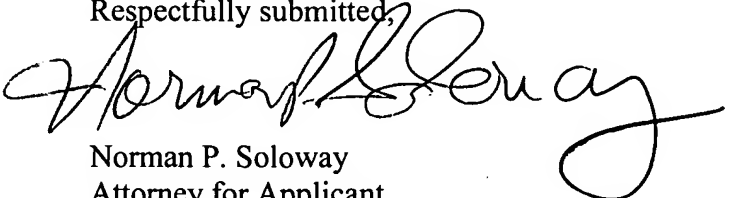
As mentioned supra, Lee does not teach connecting the opening in the main seal lines 210 with the first auxiliary seal line 220. Ishiwata et al. does not provide the missing teachings. Ishiwata et al. teaches a sealing member around the LCD but an auxiliary member around the seal. Thus, no combination of Lee et al. and Ishiwata et al. can render obvious independent claims 1, 10 or 11.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 9, and 12 depend directly or indirectly on claims 1, 10, and 11 and are allowable for the same reasons as stated above, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

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FIG.1A
Prior Art

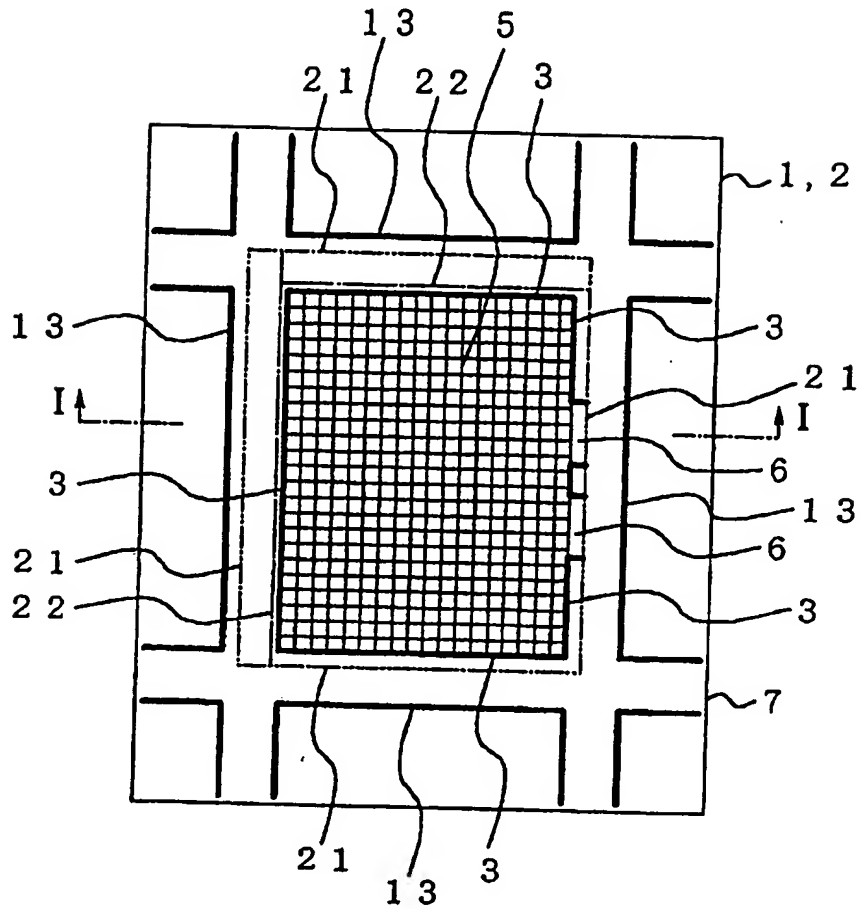


FIG.1B
Prior Art

